Railways' dues to IISCO

1060. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether an amount of approximately Rs. 10.34 crore is payable to IISCO by the Railways, different zones;

(b) whether a sum of Rs. 18.84 crore was also payable by the South Eastern Railway to IISCO, as on 31st December, 2002, as per the award given by the arbitrator; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to get the dues cleared from Railways at the earliest, in view of the financial crisis of IISCO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJKISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) As per Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) an amount of Rs. 10.34 crores was payable to Indian Iron and Steel Co. (IISCO) by the different zones of Railways as on 30.9.01. The amount payable as on 28.2.02 is Rs. 5.67 crores.

(b) As per the award given by the Arbitrator, an amount of Rs. 18.84 crores (principal amount + interest + costs) is also payable by South Eastern Railway to IISCO as on 31.12.2000.

(c) The matter is being followed up with Ministry of Railways for early settlement of the dues.

One day cricket match in Firozeshah Kotla, Delhi

†1061. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a one-day cricket match was organised on 31st January, 2002 in Firozeshah Kotla ground in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that tickets were issued to spectators to watch this match;

(c) if so, the total number of spectators to whom tickets were issued;

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of ticket holders could not get entry in the stadium; and

(e) if so, the reasons for such disorder?

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†. Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) As per information received from Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA), in all 26,700 tickets were printed (total capacity of the Stadium is 28,000). Out of which hundreds of tickets remained unsold in the branches of the Canara Bank. Till date DDCA has received complaints from three persons pertaining to seven tickets and DDCA is processing these complaints for settlement.

New Sports Policy

†1062. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have formulated any new sports policy and whether this policy would explore the talents in rural and urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of activities likely to be promoted by this new policy and the steps being taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay and by when the same is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The National Sports Policy, 2001 formulated and announced recently, accords a high priority to the development of sports throughout the country to harness the available talent and potential. In this context, the sports policy lays down that the village

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